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GILLINGHAM PARKLIFE FESTIVAL

The fifth Gillingham Parklife Festival takes place at Gillingham Park in Gillingham on Saturday July 8th between 11.30am-10.30pm.

Parklife is a free festival which attracts tens of thousands of people to the town's park in Coventry Street and it all began in 1996 when The James Taylor Quartet headlined. My Life Story headlined in 1997, with Platinum Abba topping the bill in 1998 and the JTQ making a return headline appearance last August.

SEAFOOD headline the Main Stage this year, with LICK, FIVE-LEGGED HORSE, A BAND CALLED SUN and GLAM R US also amongst the acts playing the Main Stage.

MANDEVA, L'DOPA, THE HAMMONDS, LAZY EYE, MANY COLOURS, RISE and CATFISH DOGS will be appearing on the Alternative Stage at this year's event and there will be the usual selection of stalls and a playground area.

London-based quartet SEAFOOD have their debut "Surviving the Quiet" LP out on Fierce Panda and have been compared to American acts such as the Pixie (the band that made them want to pick up a guitar), Sonic Youth (who played the recent All Tomorrow's Parties festival at Camber Sands) and Sebadoh. And while live they are renowned for their heavier sound, the album also features slide guitar and flutes!

The band have built up a strong fanbase after singles such as "Easy Path" and "This Is Not An Exit", also released on Fierce Panda, an appearance at the CMJ Festival in America and UK tours supporting Idlewild (twice) and The Llama Farmers. They have also toured the UK on their own.

The album was recorded on a farm in Northampton and was produced by Ian McCutcheon. It is a follow up to their 1998 mini-LP "Messenger In The Camp". The band are Caroline Banks (drums), Kevin Hendrick (bass), David Line (singer and guitarist) and Charles McLeod (guitar). Their first gig was a "Save The Children" benefit at the Dublin Castle in Camden Town during March 1997 and their debut single – "Scorch Comfort" – was released on Fierce Panda in 1998.

You can contact SEAFOOD via www.seafood.uk.com.

For further details visit the MM2K website at www.mm2k.org.uk.

CREATE FESTIVAL

This year's Create Festival takes place in Ashford's Victoria Park on Sunday July 16th, with bands between 3pm-7pm and then a dramatic audio-visual presentation of the history of Ashford before the traditional spectacular fireworks display lights up the sky at 10pm.

THE PROPHETS OF POP

THE PROPHETS OF POP return to London for a date at the Water Rats in King's Cross on Monday June 5th. The highly-acclaimed five-piece have recently attracted good crowds to the Rock Garden in Covent Garden and the Half Moon in Putney and attracted the biggest ever crowd to the Happy Frenchman in Folkestone.

For coach details contact Rick Staves on 01303 266336.

ARMADA MCC

Armada MCC stages a bikers' rally over the weekend of Friday June 30th-Sunday July 2nd at a new site: the Steam Engine rally site at Swan Lane (off the A20) in Sellindge.

Bands booked for the Friday are UNCOOL FRANK and SHAVEN HAVEN, with Nick Milton unveiling a new band on Saturday July 1st along with performances from USER FRIENDLY and JESTER. There's also the Road Rash Rockshow, a real-ale beer tent, trade stalls, very silly games, a bonfire and a £100 prize bike show.

Tickets are £8 in advance or £12 on the gate. Call 01303 257183 for ticket details. Traders are asked to call 01303 250113.

You can also visit their website at www.armada.freeserve.co.uk.

UNION BAR

THE L. A. DOORS play the Union Bar in Maidstone on Thursday June 8th. The band are obviously a tribute to The Doors and Jim Morrison, who came to prominence in Los Angeles in 1967 and they make it possible to experience something like a Doors gig but in the 21st century.

THE L. A. DOORS play original instruments and dress as The Doors did 30 odd years ago. Each show contains hit songs of The Doors as well as Newsreel footage to show the political and social events that were happening at the time. They also provide 60s lighting in terms of bubble lamps and large neon signs to create a real 60s feel.

For box office details at the Union Bar call 01622 753041.

GIGS BACK ON AT GEE'S

Gigs are starting up again on Thursday nights at Gee's in Sandgate (opposite the new Saga building). It all kicks off with an appearance from SUNFLY on Thursday July 6th, complete with a BBQ and a happy hour between 7pm-8pm.

Contact 9 Gainsborough Close, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5NB